

**U.S. District Court  
District of Connecticut (New Haven)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 3:17-cv-02117-AWT**

Omotosho v. United States Corporation et al  
Assigned to: Judge Alvin W. Thompson  
Referred to: Judge Sarah A. L. Merriam  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 12/19/2017  
Jury Demand: Plaintiff  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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*of the family Omotosho*

represented by **Joel Omotosho**  
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**Defendant**

**United States Corporation**  
*per 28 u.s.c. § 3002*  
*TERMINATED: 08/29/2018*

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**Defendant**

**Service Director of Disclosure**  
*The Department of Treasury Internal  
Revenue*

represented by **Megan Hoffman-Logsdon**  
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**Defendant**

**Sarah Davidson**  
*Revenue Officer*  
*TERMINATED: 02/05/2018*

**Defendant**

**Unknown Others**  
*1 Through 100*  
*TERMINATED: 08/29/2018*

**Defendant**

**Internal Revenue Service**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
12/19/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against Sarah Davidson, Service Director of Disclosure, United States Corporation, Unknown Others, filed by Joel Omotosho. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet)(Payton, R.) (Entered: 12/20/2017)
12/19/2017	<u>2</u>	MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis by Joel Omotosho. (Payton, R.) (Entered: 12/20/2017)
12/19/2017	<u>3</u>	Order on Pretrial Deadlines: Motions to Dismiss due on 3/19/2018. Amended Pleadings due by 2/17/2018 Discovery due by 6/20/2018 Dispositive Motions due by 7/20/2018 Signed by Clerk on 12/19/2017.(Payton, R.) (Entered: 12/20/2017)
12/19/2017	<u>4</u>	STANDING PROTECTIVE ORDER Signed by Judge Alvin W. Thompson on 12/19/2017.(Payton, R.) (Entered: 12/20/2017)
12/20/2017		Request for Clerk to issue summons as to All Defendants. (Payton, R.) (Entered: 12/20/2017)
12/21/2017	<u>5</u>	ORDER REFERRING CASE to Magistrate Judge Sarah A. L. Merriam for ruling on MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis (Doc. No. <u>2</u> ). It is so ordered. Signed by Judge Alvin W. Thompson on 12/21/2017. (Ly, T.) (Entered: 12/31/2017)
01/16/2018	<u>6</u>	RECOMMENDED RULING. For the reasons set forth in the attached Ruling, the Court recommends that plaintiff's Complaint (Doc. # <u>1</u> ) be DISMISSED, in part. Please read the attached ruling for details. Any objections to this recommended ruling must be filed with the Clerk of the Court within fourteen (14) days of being served with this order. <u>See</u> Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2). 11 Pages. Signed by Judge Sarah A. L. Merriam on 1/16/2018. (Gust, L.) (Entered: 01/16/2018)
01/16/2018	<u>7</u>	ORDER. For the reasons set forth in the Court's Recommended Ruling (Doc. # <u>6</u> ), plaintiff's Motion for Leave to Proceed <u>in forma pauperis</u> (Doc. # <u>2</u> ) is GRANTED. It is so ordered. Signed by Judge Sarah A. L. Merriam on 1/16/2018. (Gust, L.) (Entered: 01/16/2018)
02/05/2018	<u>8</u>	AMENDED COMPLAINT against Service Director of Disclosure, United States Corporation, Unknown Others, filed by Joel Omotosho.(Payton, R.) (Entered: 02/06/2018)
02/06/2018	<u>9</u>	RECOMMENDED RULING. For the reasons set forth in the attached Ruling, the Court recommends that plaintiff's Amended Complaint (Doc. # <u>8</u> ) be DISMISSED, in part, with prejudice. The Court recommends that the Amended Complaint be permitted to proceed to service against defendant Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service only. Please read the attached Ruling for details. Any objections to this Recommended Ruling must be filed with the Clerk of the Court within fourteen (14) days of being served with this order. <u>See</u> Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2). 6 Pages. Signed by Judge Sarah A. L. Merriam on 2/6/2018. (Katz, S.) (Entered: 02/06/2018)
08/29/2018	<u>10</u>	ORDER: Upon review and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Rule 72.2 of the Local Rules for United States Magistrate Judges (D.Conn.), Magistrate Judge Merriam's Recommended Ruling (Doc. No. <u>6</u> ) recommending that plaintiff's Complaint be

		dismissed, in part, is hereby ACCEPTED absent objection. The plaintiff's Complaint (Doc. No. <u>1</u> ) is hereby DISMISSED, in part, as set forth in the Recommended Ruling. Also, Magistrate Judge Merriam's Recommended Ruling (Doc. No. <u>9</u> ) recommending that plaintiff's Amended Complaint be dismissed, in part, with prejudice, is hereby ACCEPTED absent objection. The plaintiff's Amended Complaint (Doc. No. <u>8</u> ) is hereby DISMISSED, in part, with prejudice, as to any Freedom of Information Act claims asserted against the United States Corporation and Unknown Others. The plaintiff has been granted <u>in forma pauperis</u> status; therefore, the Clerk's Office shall effectuate service of process on the only remaining defendant, the Internal Revenue Service. Signed by Judge Alvin W. Thompson on 8/29/18. (Mata, E.) (Entered: 08/29/2018)
08/31/2018	<u>11</u>	NOTICE TO COUNSEL/SELF-REPRESENTED PARTIES : Counsel or self-represented parties initiating or removing this action are responsible for serving all parties with attached documents and copies of <u>2</u> MOTION for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis filed by Joel Omotosho, <u>6</u> RECOMMENDED RULING, <u>8</u> Amended Complaint filed by Joel Omotosho, Request to Issue Summons, 5 Order Referring Case to Magistrate Judge, <u>3</u> Order on Pretrial Deadlines, <u>4</u> Standing Protective Order, <u>1</u> Complaint filed by Joel Omotosho, 7 Order on Motion for Leave to Proceed in forma pauperis, <u>9</u> RECOMMENDED RULING, and 10 Order on Recommended Ruling. Signed by Clerk on 8/31/2018.(Bozek, M.) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
08/31/2018	<u>12</u>	ELECTRONIC SUMMONS ISSUED in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 and LR 4 as to *Service Director of Disclosure* with answer to complaint due within *60* days. *Joel Omotosho* *104 Terry Place* *Bridgeport, CT 06606*. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
08/31/2018	<u>13</u>	USM 285 forms together with <u>12</u> Summons, Notice of Lawsuit/Request for Waiver of Service of Summons, <u>3</u> , <u>4</u> , <u>7</u> , <u>11</u> , and all instructions mailed to IFP plaintiff to complete and return to Clerk's office. (Bozek, M.) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
09/10/2018		USM 285 forms together with Summons, Amended Complaint, OPTD, Standing Protective Order, Notice to Counsel and Pro Se Parties, Order granting IFP reviewed and sent to USM for service on defendant(s). (Oliver, T.) (Entered: 09/10/2018)
09/18/2018	<u>14</u>	NOTICE of change of address to 53 Park Terrace, Bridgeport, CT 06604 by Joel Omotosho. (Fazekas, J.) (Entered: 09/18/2018)
09/20/2018	<u>15</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Joel Omotosho. Service Director of Disclosure served on 9/20/2018, answer due 11/19/2018. (Anastasio, F.) (Entered: 09/20/2018)
10/11/2018	<u>16</u>	SUMMONS Returned Executed by Joel Omotosho. Service Director of Disclosure served on 9/26/2018, answer due 11/25/2018. (Fanelle, N.) (Entered: 10/15/2018)
10/24/2018	<u>17</u>	First MOTION for Extension of Time until November 30, 2018 to Answer or Otherwise Respond to the Complaint by Internal Revenue Service. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Miller, Matthew) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/25/2018	<u>18</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by John W. Larson on behalf of Internal Revenue Service (Larson, John) (Entered: 10/25/2018)
10/29/2018	<u>19</u>	ORDER: The First Motion for Extension of Time to File Responsive Pleading (ECF No. <u>17</u> ) is hereby GRANTED up to and including 11/30/2018, absent objection. It is so ordered. Signed by Judge Alvin W. Thompson on 10/26/2018. (Jerjian, O.) (Entered: 10/29/2018)
10/29/2018		Answer deadline updated for Internal Revenue Service to 11/30/2018. (Ferguson, L.) (Entered: 10/30/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>20</u>	Second MOTION for Extension of Time until January 18, 2018 to Answer or Otherwise Respond to the Amended Complaint <u>8</u> Amended Complaint by Internal Revenue Service. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Miller, Matthew) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
12/03/2018	<u>21</u>	ORDER: The Second Motion for Extension of Time to File Responsive Pleading (ECF No. <u>20</u> ) is hereby GRANTED to January 18, 2019, absent objection. It is so ordered. Signed by Judge Alvin W. Thompson on 11/30/2018. (Jerjian, O.) (Entered: 12/03/2018)

12/03/2018		Answer deadline updated for Internal Revenue Service to 1/18/2019. (Ferguson, L.) (Entered: 12/05/2018)
01/14/2019	<u>22</u>	MOTION to Stay by Internal Revenue Service.Responses due by 2/4/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Miller, Matthew) (Entered: 01/14/2019)
01/16/2019	23	ORDER: The Internal Revenue Service's Motion for a Stay in Light of Lapse of Appropriations (ECF No. <u>22</u> ) is hereby GRANTED. The case is stayed until Congress has restored appropriations to the Department of Justice. It is so ordered. Signed by Judge Alvin W. Thompson on 1/16/2019. (Jerjian, O.) (Entered: 01/16/2019)
02/01/2019	<u>24</u>	NOTICE by Internal Revenue Service ( <i>Notice of Restoration of Appropriations</i> ) (Miller, Matthew) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/11/2019	25	NOTICE OF E-FILED CALENDAR: THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE COUNSEL/THE PARTIES WILL RECEIVE. ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE COURTHOUSE MUST PRESENT PHOTO IDENTIFICATION. Status Conference (in person) set for 3/5/2019 11:00 AM in South Courtroom, 450 Main St., Hartford, CT before Judge Alvin W. Thompson. (Jerjian, O.) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
02/21/2019	<u>26</u>	ANSWER to <u>8</u> Amended Complaint with Affirmative Defenses. by Internal Revenue Service.(Miller, Matthew) (Entered: 02/21/2019)
03/05/2019	<u>27</u>	Minute Entry for proceedings held before Judge Alvin W. Thompson: Status Conference held on 3/5/2019. Dispositive Motions to be filed by 6/5/2019. 08 minutes (Court Reporter C. Thompson.) (Ferguson, L.) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/05/2019		Set Deadlines: Dispositive Motions due by 6/5/2019 (Ferguson, L.) (Entered: 03/05/2019)
03/29/2019	<u>28</u>	MOTION for Extension of Time until 4/26/2019 to Respond to Answer by Joel Omotosho. (Fanelle, N.) (Entered: 04/01/2019)
04/03/2019	29	ORDER: The Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Defendants' Answer (ECF No. <u>28</u> ) is hereby DENIED as the plaintiff does not need to respond to the answer. The docket reflects that the only upcoming deadline is the dispositive motions deadline set for 6/5/2019. <u>See</u> ECF No. <u>27</u> . It is so ordered. Signed by Judge Alvin W. Thompson on 4/3/2019. (Jerjian, O.) (Entered: 04/03/2019)
04/03/2019	<u>30</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Megan Hoffman-Logsdon on behalf of Internal Revenue Service, Service Director of Disclosure, United States Corporation (Hoffman-Logsdon, Megan) (Entered: 04/03/2019)
06/05/2019	<u>31</u>	MOTION for Summary Judgment by Internal Revenue Service.Responses due by 6/26/2019 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Material Facts, # <u>2</u> Affidavit, # <u>3</u> Affidavit, # <u>4</u> Affidavit, # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Hoffman-Logsdon, Megan) (Entered: 06/05/2019)
06/06/2019	<u>32</u>	NOTICE by Internal Revenue Service re <u>31</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment (Hoffman-Logsdon, Megan) (Entered: 06/06/2019)
08/07/2019	<u>33</u>	ORDER: For the reasons set forth in the attached document, the defendant's Motion for Summary Judgment (ECF No. <u>31</u> ) is hereby GRANTED. The Clerk shall enter judgment in favor of the defendant and close this case. It is so ordered. Signed by Judge Alvin W. Thompson on 8/7/2019. (Jerjian, O.) (Entered: 08/07/2019)